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1855-1899

108-112 E. West St. (North side)

Baltimore, Md.

Semi-public access

The north side of the 100 block of E. West St. is occupied exclusively by the Holy Cross Roman Catholic Church and its subsidiary buildings. The large Gothic Revival style red brick church building, with its imposing east end apse and tower, was built in the late 1850's for the increasingly large German Catholic population in the community. The church building is located at 108 E. West St. To the east, at 110 E. West St. is the three story, five bay wide brick parish office, with shed roof and deep, paneled wooden cornice. This simple, Classical Revival structure was built in the early 1870's to serve as a school operated by the church. At 112 E. West St. is the Carruthers building, now the Allen Center for Senior Citizens, an imposing three story, five bay wide brown brick building with shed roof and elaborate Classical Revival stone trim, including a simulated brick "rusticated" basement, full-height arched bays, and a wide arched entranceway. The building was constructed in the 1890's.

# MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

### 1 NAME

HISTORIC

Holy Cross Parish Office

AND/OR COMMON

### 2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

110 E. West St.

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

### 3 CLASSIFICATION

#### CATEGORY

\_\_\_ DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

\_\_\_ STRUCTURE

\_\_\_ SITE

\_\_\_ OBJECT

#### OWNERSHIP

\_\_\_ PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

\_\_\_ BOTH

#### PUBLIC ACQUISITION

\_\_\_ IN PROCESS

\_\_\_ BEING CONSIDERED

#### STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED

\_\_\_ UNOCCUPIED

\_\_\_ WORK IN PROGRESS

#### ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED

\_\_\_ YES: UNRESTRICTED

\_\_\_ NO

#### PRESENT USE

\_\_\_ AGRICULTURE

\_\_\_ COMMERCIAL

\_\_\_ EDUCATIONAL

\_\_\_ ENTERTAINMENT

\_\_\_ GOVERNMENT

\_\_\_ INDUSTRIAL

\_\_\_ MILITARY

\_\_\_ MUSEUM

\_\_\_ PARK

☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

☒ RELIGIOUS

\_\_\_ SCIENTIFIC

\_\_\_ TRANSPORTATION

\_\_\_ OTHER:

### 4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

### 5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Records Office Room 601

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

Baltimore City Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland 21202

### 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

\_\_\_ FEDERAL \_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION****CONDITION**☐ EXCELLENT☒ GOOD☐ FAIR☐ DETERIORATED☐ RUINS☐ UNEXPOSED**CHECK ONE**☒ UNALTERED☐ ALTERED**CHECK ONE**☒ ORIGINAL SITE☐ MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

This three story, five bay brick building with shed roof and bracketed cornice serves as the Parish Office of the Holy Cross Catholic Church and was built as part of the church complex.

The building is three stories in height, five bays wide, and occupies a lot about 120' deep. The building is two rooms deep with a two story high, two bay deep rear addition. It is constructed in running bond. The shed roof is capped by a stamped sheet metal cornice consisting of a deeply projecting crown molding supported by a two of plain modillions set above a deep frieze area punctuated by five panels with embossed swag motifs.

All of the door and window openings have segmentally arched brick lintels. Originally the windows were filled with 1/1 double hung sash with the upper pane cut to fit the curve of the arched lintel, but the sash have been replaced with modern 1/1 sash and the curved area above filled in with solid wood tympanums on the second and third floor windows. The sills on the upper windows are stone; those on the first floor windows are marble. The entire basement area of the facade has been faced with marble and six marble steps lead to the entrance. A modern pair of plain wooden doors are set beneath a wide, arched single light transom, with a wooden panel filling the space between the transom area and the new, smaller doors. Four rectangular basement window openings are located beneath the first floor windows. A decorative iron fence surrounds the shallow front yard.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**8 SIGNIFICANCE****PERIOD**

☐ PREHISTORIC  
☐ 1400-1499  
☐ 1500-1599  
☐ 1600-1699  
☐ 1700-1799  
☒ 1800-1899  
☐ 1900-

☐ ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC  
☐ ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC  
☐ AGRICULTURE  
☒ ARCHITECTURE  
☐ ART  
☐ COMMERCE  
☐ COMMUNICATIONS

**AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW**

☐ COMMUNITY PLANNING  
☐ CONSERVATION  
☐ ECONOMICS  
☒ EDUCATION  
☐ ENGINEERING  
☐ EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT  
☐ INDUSTRY  
☐ INVENTION

☐ LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE  
☐ LAW  
☐ LITERATURE  
☐ MILITARY  
☐ MUSIC  
☐ PHILOSOPHY  
☐ POLITICS/GOVERNMENT

☒ RELIGION  
☐ SCIENCE  
☐ SCULPTURE  
☐ SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN  
☐ THEATER  
☐ TRANSPORTATION  
☐ OTHER (SPECIFY)

**SPECIFIC DATES** c. 1875-1880

**BUILDER/ARCHITECT**

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

See under 108 E. West St.

This building was built to serve as a parochial school attached to the Church adjoining. When the school closed recently the building was converted to use as the Parish Offices.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

M.E. Hayward / Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust / Struever Bros. &amp; Eccles

DATE

5/79

STREET &amp; NUMBER

1745 Circle Rd.

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Ruxton

STATE

Maryland 21204

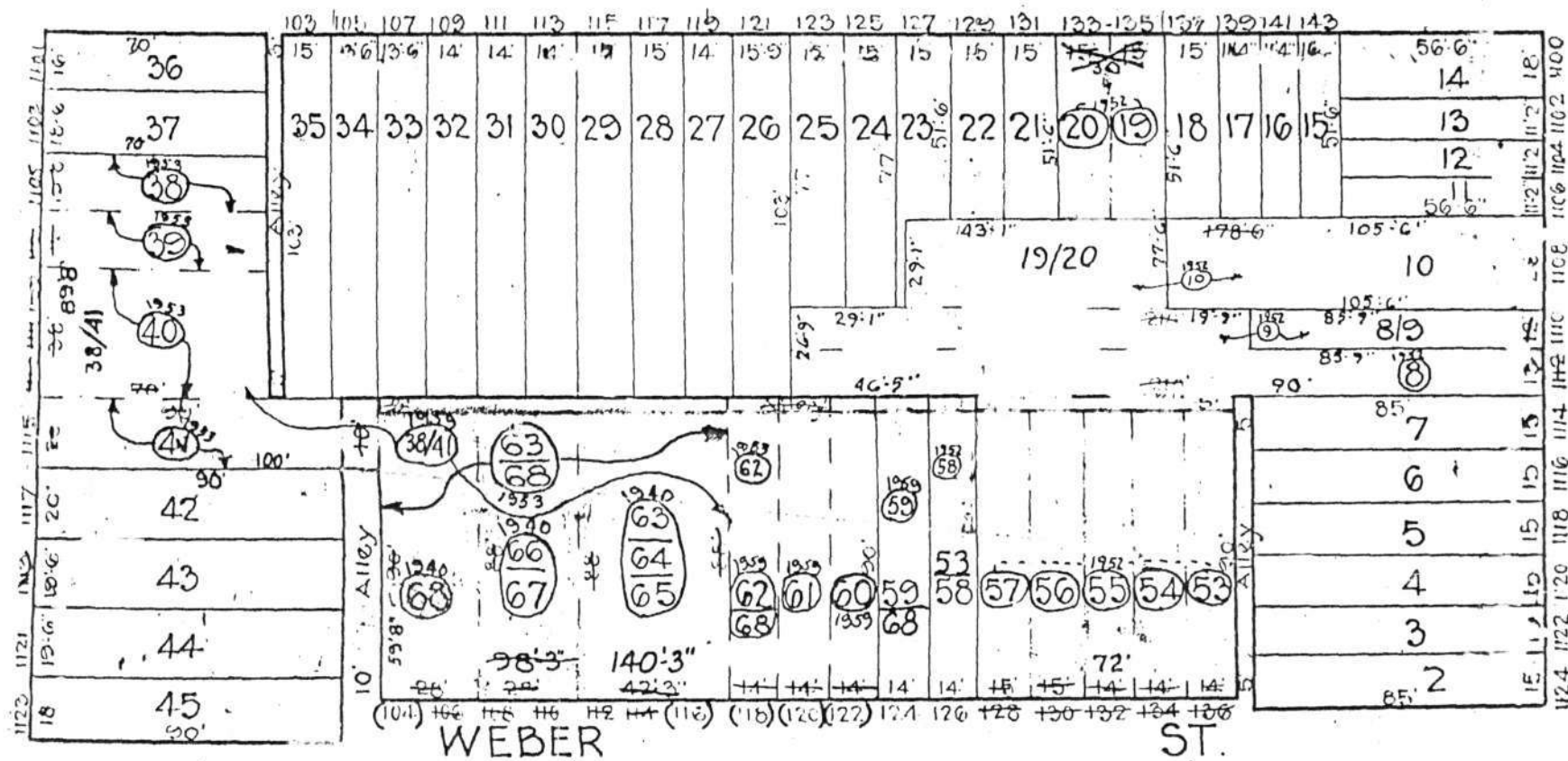
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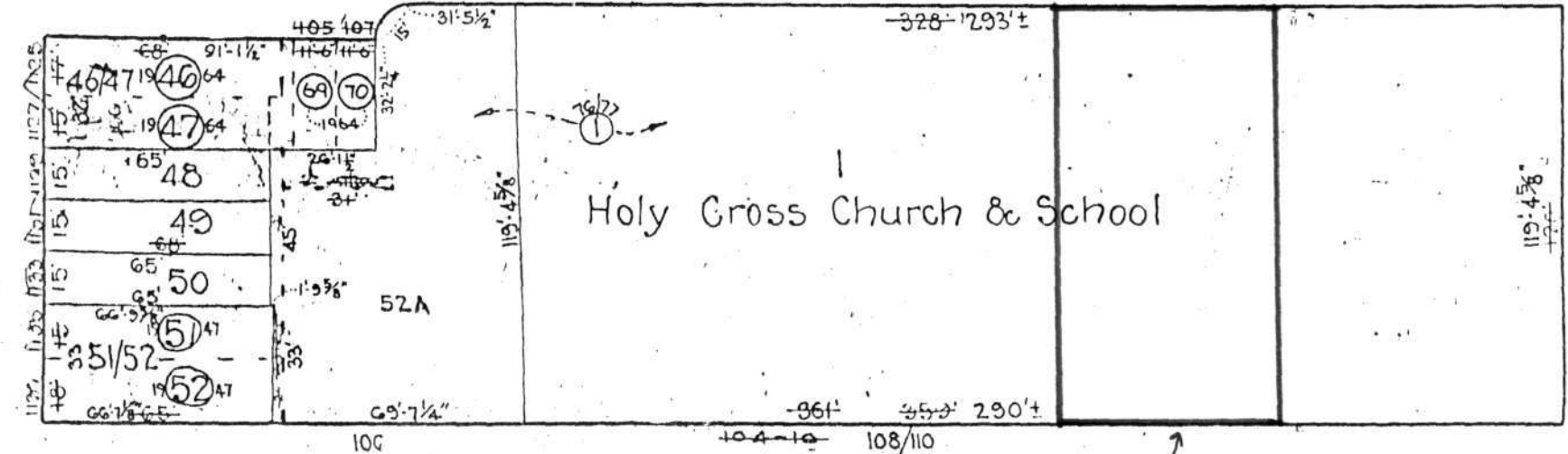
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LIGHT



WILLIAM  
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E. WEST

ST.



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Holy Cross Parish Office  
110 E. West Street  
Block 0951 Lot 001-CO0951  
Baltimore City  
Baltimore East Quad.







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110 E. West St.

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South elevation

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